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In re application of

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For: SECURING DEVICE

ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 8, 2008, Applicant elects for initial prosecution in this application Species II, Fig. 7a, on which claims 13-17 and 19-24 are readable.

It is understood that, upon allowance of a generic claim, claims directed to non-elected species will be examined in the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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